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SUBJECT: TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS WITHIN YUGOSLAVIA

1. BY PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE OF SEPTEMBER 17, 1976
AND BY A CIRCULAR DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF OCTOBER 11, 1976, THE GOY
NOTIFIED THE WORLD AND THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS OF CERTAIN "FORBIDDEN
ZONES".

2. AFTER AN ATTEMPT TO PLOT THESE ZONES ON A MAP WITH THE
RESULTING CONFUSION ARISING FROM THE LACK OF GEOGRAPHICAL COORDINATES
IN THE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE ZONES, THE EMBASSY VISITED THE MFA AND
POSED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. WILL THE MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BE ISSUING A
MAP OF THE RESTRICTED AREAS AS DEFINED IN THE GAZETTE?
(WITHIN OUR OWN EMBASSY WE HAVE HAD DIFFERING INTERPRETATIONS
OF THE AREAS DESCRIBED.)
2. DOES THE MINISTRY HAVE ANY PLANS FOR ADVISING TOURISTS
OF THESE RESTRICTED AREAS IN ADVANCE OF THEIR ARRIVAL IN

YUGOSLAVIA? WHAT IS AMERICAN EMBASSY TO SAY IF AMERICANS
ASK US? TO WHOM SHOULD WE REFER THEM?

3. WILL THE RESTRICTED AREAS BE POSTED WITH APPROPRIATE
WARNING SIGNS? IF SO IN WHAT LANGUAGE?
4. IS THERE DIFFERENTIATION BY AREASSIZE. IS ROAD
TRAVEL PERMITTED THROUGH SOME AREAS BUT NOT OTHERS? IS
STOPPING OF VEHICLES PERMITTED ON ROADS LISTED ON MAPS?
HOW WILL WE BE ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT RESTRICTS?

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3. THE MFA AGREED TO CONSIDER THE QUESTIONS AND TO REPORT BACK TO

THE EMBASSY IN "A FEW DAYS". (AFTER TWO MONTHS OF WAITING AND
WEEKLY FOLLOW-UP TELEPHONE CALLS THERE IS STILL NO RESPONSE.)
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